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Title: High-Frequency Current Suppression Body Using Magnetic Loss Material Exhibiting Outstanding Complex Permeability Characteristics			
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In complete and timely response to the Office Action dated 1 October 2002, in which restriction was required between the allegedly separate and independent inventions of Group I (claims 1-18) and Group II (claims 19-20), and confirming the teleconference between the undersigned and the examiner on or after the date of said Office Action, the claims of Group I (claims 1-18) are elected, with traverse, for prosecution.

First, Applicants would note, regarding the statement that these Groups have acquired a separate status in the art,

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner **must** examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.
MPEP 803.

Thus, according to the MPEP, separate classification is not sufficient if the entire case can be searched at once; here, a heater control circuit requires a heater to have utility and, as shown, the claimed control circuit requires the elements of the claimed heater, although not necessarily arranged as recited for the heater

per se. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is believed to be warranted.

The Group II claims are not limited to any particular circuit, and page 10, fourth full paragraph, states that the invention can be used with strip lines or jumper lines, and other disclosure in the application describes use of the novel device for current carrying lines. The communication acknowledges that the current suppression body could be used for any type of electric device. Accordingly, clarification is requested as to the statement in the communication that the device need not be placed next to an electronic circuit.

The statement that pressure could be applied to the substrate instead of the current suppression body still supplies pressure, and the communication does not explain why such is a materially different process.

Finally, the statement regarding extrusion and adhesive application is directed to the process of making, not the process of using.

Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is believed warranted.

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